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For: POLYPEPTIDES FROM CREB BINDING PROTEIN AND RELATED PROTEIN
P300 FOR USE IN TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-11 and 27-35 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add new claims 36-55 as follows:

--36. A method for determining whether a compound is capable of inhibiting or
disrupting an interaction between a first polypeptide and a second polypeptide said
method comprising:

(a) (i) incubating said first polypeptide with said second polypeptide under
conditions which allow the first polypeptide to bind to the second polypeptide to form a